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SUBJECT: NEW CZECHOSLOVAK AMBASSADORS TO EGYPT AND ROMANIA

1. APPOINTMENT OF MIROSLAV SULEK AS CZECHOSLOVAK AMBASSADOR TO EGYPT REPLACING LUMIR HANAK WAS ANNOUNCED DECEMBER 7.

SULEK, NOW ABOUT 57, IS AN EXPERIENCED COMMUNIST PARTY WORKER WHO BEGAN HIS CAREER IN SLOVAKIA AND WAS TRANSFERRED IN 1960 TO PRAGUE TO HEAD THEPRESS SECTION OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK CP CENTRAL COMMITTEE. IN 1961 HE WAS APPOINTED DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF CTK, THE OFFICIAL CZECHOSLOVAK PRESS AGENCY. ACCORDING TO SOME REPORTS, SULEK WAS AWARE IN ADVANCE OF 1968 SOVIET-LET INVASION OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA AND MAY HAVE SIGNED A LETTER REQUESTING SOVIET INTERVENTION. HE LOST THE CTK JOB AND FELL OUT OF SIGHT IN THE DISTURBED PERIOD FOLLOWING AUGUST 1968 AND DID NOT SURFACE UNTIL APPOINTED AMBASSADOR TO ROMANIA IN EARLY 1970.

2. HANAK'S APPOINTMENT TO REPLACE SULEK AS AMBASSADOR TO ROMANIA HAD BEEN ANNOUNCED NOVEMBER 9. ONLY FACTUAL INFORMATION WE HAVE ON HIM IS THAT FROM JULY 1969 HE WAS A DEPUTY HEAD OF CPCZ CC INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT AND HEAD OF SECTION FOR "NONSOCIALIST COUNTRIES." HE WAS NAMED AMBASSADOR TO EGYPT IN 1970 AND SUBSEQUENTLY WAS ALSO ACCREDITED TO THE PDRY. IN 1969 HE WAS IDENTIFIED AS AUTHOR OF SEVERAL PRESS ATTACKS ON "ZIONISM."

3. COMMENT: IT IS ABUNDANTLY CLEAR THAT BOTH THESE MEN ARE
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CONNECTED WITH HARD-LINE FACTION IN CPCZ LEADERSHIP REPRESENTED

BY VASIL BILAK. THEY CAN BE EXPECTED TO BE ULTRA-LOYAL SUPPORTERS
OF WHATEVER LINE USSR IS FOLLOWING IN THEIR NEW HOST COUNTRIES.
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